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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING REPORT

PFLP REJECTS ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT:
THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP) TODAY
ANNOUNCED ITS REJECTION OF THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT
AGREEMENT, DESCRIBING IT AS A SURRENDER STEP ON THE PART OF
EGYPT. IN A STATEMENT ISSUED IN BEIRUT THE FRONT ALSO ATTACKED
THE EGYPTIAN REGIME FOR SIGNING THE ACCORD. IN THE FIRST
COMMENT TO BE MADE BY A PALESTINIAN COMMAND ORGANIZATION, THE
PFLP SAID THE ARAB REGION WAS FACING A FIERCE IMPERIALIST AND
ZIONIST ONSLAUGHT AIMED AT HUMILIATING THE ARAB NATION, EXPLOITING
ITS WEALTH AND PLACING "THE HOMELAND UNDER DIRECT IMPERIALIST
DOMINATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
"THE SURRENDER STEP TAKEN BY THE EGYPTIAN REGIME IN AGREEMENT

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WITH THE ZIONISTS AND AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS IS IN PREPARATION FOR HANDING OVER THE REGION AND ITS PEOPLES TO THE IMPERIALIST-ZIONIST OCTOPUS," IT ADDED.

FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES:
A FRENCH LETTER TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM ON JANUARY 18 FORMALIZED THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT A WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE BE HELD UNDER UN AUSPICES. ACCORDING TO QUAI UN DIRECTOR LEPRETTE, THE LETTER EMPHASIZED THE MAGNITUDE AND URGENCY OF THE PROBLEM BUT DID NOT SUGGEST DETAILS ON PROCEDURE. THE QUAI OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAVE NO SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS YET AND WOULD AWAIT SUGGESTIONS FROM WALDHEIM, THE US GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS. LEPRETTE OBSERVED THAT HE SAW NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THE UN CONFERENCE PROPOSAL AND THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11 IN WASHINGTON. THE FRENCH AND OTHER EUROPEANS HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WOULD OFFEND THE ARAB WORLD. THEIR PROMOTION OF A WORLD CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED TO SOFTEN THIS ALLEGED OFFENSE AND TO STRENGTHEN PARIS' ROLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE VIS A VIS WASHINGTON IN DEALING WITH THE OIL-PRODUCING STATES. PARIS MAY ALSO BE SEEKING TO PROTECT ITS FREEDOM TO MAKE THE BILATERAL DEALS IT FAVORS.

BREZHNEV TO CUBA....FINALLY:
THE USSR HAS REQUESTED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FROM THE US FOR GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO CUBA. BREZHNEV WILL ARRIVE IN CUBA ON 28 JANUARY AND DEPART ON 3 FEBRUARY. THE SOVIET CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION TOLD THE US CHARGE IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 18 THAT SOVIET-CUBAN ECONOMIC TIES WILL "UNDOUBTEDLY" BE ON THE AGENDA, ADDING THAT SOVIET EXPORTS TO HAVANA NOW INCLUDE 4.5 TO 5 MILLION TONS OF PETROLEUM ANNUALLY. HE OFFERED NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE VISIT. HOWEVER, THE NUMEROUS DELAYS IN THE START OF THIS VISIT INDICATE THAT BREZHNEV IS LESS THAN ANXIOUS TO MAKE THE TRIP IN THE FIRST PLACE AND THAT OTHER DEVELOPMENTS--PARTICULARLY THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST--HAVE PREOCCUPIED HIM.

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